



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT  
PTO FORM 1449

ATTY. DOCKET NO.  
2345/79

SERIAL NO.  
09/341,232

APPLICANT(s)  
ERNST et al.

FILING DATE  
October 25, 1999

GROUP  
2742

RECEIVED

MAR 22 2001

Technology Center 2600

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER	PATENT DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE*
<i>JS</i>	5,444,694	August 22, 1995	Millet et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
<i>JS</i>	0 537 048	April 21, 1993	Europe			N/A	

OTHER DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.
<i>JS</i>		R. Boorstyn et al., "Large-Scale Network Topological Optimization", IEEE Transactions on Communications, Vol. COM-25, No. 1, January, 1977, pp 29-47.
<i>JS</i>		A. Kershenbaum et al., "MENTOR: An Algorithm for Mesh Network Topological Optimization and Routing", IEEE Transactions on Communications, Vol. 39, No. 4, April, 1991, pp. 503-513

EXAMINER	<i>JS</i>	DATE CONSIDERED	<i>4/1/02</i>
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.			

358010

RECEIVED

MAR 27 2001

Technology Center 2100